*Service of Proverthicar Mr. Bhagavathiperumal Pillai.*

207 *MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : (*Tovala* cum *Agastisvaram*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) how many years of service as Proverthicar Mr. Bhagavathiperumal Pillai, Proverthicar in Rajakamangalam has put in ; and

(*b*) how many years he has spent in Rajakamangalam Cutcherry as Proverthicar ?

MR. K. GEORGE : (*a*) Mr. Bhagavathiperumal Pillai is not a Proverthicar but the Monigar of the Rajakamangalam Moniam. He was a Proverthicar till he was appointed as Monigar. He has put in a service of 3 years 5 months and 19 days as Proverthicar and 11 years 7 months and 24 days as Monigar in the Sanketham Department.

(*b*) He has been Monigar in the Rajakamangalam Moniam for a total period of 8 years 10 months and 20 days but not continuously.

*Statement, by caste, of clerks in the Account Office.*

208 MR. D. FRANCIS : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a caste-war statement of existing clerks both permanent and acting till now (19-3-1113) in the Account Office ?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR : The statement* required is laid on the table.

*Buses running on the roads.*

209 MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to state why all buses running on the roads in the State and having a life of more than 5 years are condemned and declared unfit for service ?

RAJYARAKSHAPRAVINA R. PITCHU AIYANGAR : Because the maximum useful life of a bus is found from experience to be five years.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : How many years of experience is necessary to find out that the maximum useful life of a bus is five years ?

RAJYAREKSHAPREVINA R. PITCHU AIYANGAR : In the course of last year we found out that.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : May I know the date when this was found out ?

RAJYAREKSHAPRAVINA R. PITCHU AIYANGAR : May answer is that we found out in the course of last year.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORATHARAKAN : ദിവസവും ഓടിക്കുന്ന ബസ്സുകളാണെങ്കിൽ അവയ്ക്ക് 5 വർഷത്തിൽ കൂടുതൽ ഓടിക്കാൻ അനുവാദം കൊടുത്തുകൂടാ. എന്നാൽ ഒന്നിടവിട്ട ദിവസങ്ങളിൽമാത്രം ഓടിക്കുന്ന ബസ്സുകൾക്കും അഞ്ചു വർഷം മാത്രമെ അനുവദിച്ചു കൊടുക്കാൻപറ്റുവർത്തിയുള്ളോ?

RAJYAREKSHAPRAVINA R. PITCHU AIYANGAR : ഒന്നിടവിട്ട ദിവസങ്ങളിൽ ഓടിക്കപ്പെടുന്ന ബസ്സുകൾക്കു വേറെയും ഓട്ടം ധാരാളമായി

*Vide* Appendix XIII.—Page 518.

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ഒണ്ടു. അതിനെ എല്ലാംകൂടി പരിഗണിച്ചാണ് അഞ്ചു വർഷമെന്നു നിശ്ചയിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതു.

**MR. K. P. KOCHUKORATHARAKAN :** യൂണിയൻ ജി. പെർമിറുകൊടുത്തു മുന്നു വർഷത്തിലൊരിക്കൽമാത്രം ഓടിക്കപ്പെട്ടുന്ന പല ബസ്സുകളുമുണ്ടു്. അങ്ങിനെയുള്ള ബസ്സുകൾക്കു് കൂടുതൽ വർഷക്കാലം ഓടിക്കുന്നതിനു് അനുവാദം കൊടുക്കുമോ?

**M. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI :** Sir I rise to a point of order. The Honourable Government Member was explaining in Malayalam.

**PRESIDENT :** If Honourable Members wish to ask questions in Malayalam for the purpose of enlightenment, it may be necessary for the Government Member to talk in Malayalam and this haf already been allowed.

**RAJYAREKSHAPRAVINA R. PITCHU AIYANGAR :**

**PRESIDENT:** I take it that the hon'ble member is speaking in Malayalam. (Laughter).

**RAJYAREKSHAPRAVINA R. PITCHU AIYANGAR :** ജി. പെർമിറു കൂടാതെ വിശേഷദിവസങ്ങളിൽ ഈ ബസ്സുകൾ സ്പെഷ്യൽ പെർമിറിൽ ഓടുന്നുണ്ടു്. ഇങ്ങനെ ഓടുന്നതു അനേക വിശേഷദിവസങ്ങളിലാണു്. അതുകൊണ്ടു് ഒന്നിനു ഇടയായിട്ടു് കാട്ടുന്ന ബസ്സുകളാണു് എന്നു പറയുന്നതു് ശരിയല്ല.

**MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI :** What is the practice in British India ?

**RAJYAREKSHAPRAVINA R. PITCHU AIYANGAR :** Different practices do exist in different places in British India.

**MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI :** Was it not about seven years back that they in British India found out that buses which has run for five years were useless ?

**PRESIDENT :** In British India this was found out and buses were condemned about five years ago.

**MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI :** What was the reason why it was not found out by our Government then ?

**RAJYAREKSHAPRAVINA R. PITCHU AIYANGAR :** It took some time for our officers to discover this.

**MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** May I know why such a long time was needed ?

**RAJYAREKSHAPRAVINA R. PITCHU AIYANGAR :** We have to consider local conditions before copying anything that is happening in British India and the study of local conditions is very essential in settling questions of such important nature and hence time was needed.

**MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI :** Does the officers include the present Commissioner of Police.

**PRESIDENT :** Order, Order.

**MR. K. T. THOMAS :** May I know whether any automobile concerns were consulted before passing orders condemning buses ?

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RAJYAREKSHAPRAVINA R. PITCHU AIYANGAR: Yes.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: Which manufacturers and concerns were consulted?

RAJYAREKSHAPRAVINA R. PITCHU AIYANGAR: The local experts are consulted?

MR. T. M. VARGHESE (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know the approximate number of buses that may go out of service by the enforcement of this order?

RAJYAREKSHAPRAVINA R. PITCHU AIYANGAR: About three-fourths of the total buses.

MR. T. M. VARGHEGE: May I know the number?

RAJYAREKSHAPRAVINA R. PITCHU AIYANGAR: About seven hundred or eight hundred.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: May I know whether those buses which run even after five years are not found constantly to go out of order during the course of their journey?

RAJYAREKSHAPRAVINA R. PITCHU AIYANGAR: Yes.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: May I know whether complaints have been received from passengers to this effect?

RAJYAREKSHAPRAVINA R. PITCHU AIYANGAR: Yes. That is the reason why the Government were obliged to take to this remedy.

MR. TARIATHU KUNJITOMMEN: അഞ്ചു വർഷത്തിൽ കൂടുതൽ ഓടിക്കപ്പെടുന്ന ബസ്സുകളല്ലേ വഴിയിൽ കിടന്നു പോകുന്നത്? അതുകൊണ്ട് യാത്രക്കാർക്ക് വളരെ അസൌകര്യം ഉണ്ടാകുന്നില്ലേ?

RAJYAREKSHAPRAVINA R. PITCHU AIYANGAR: അത് എല്ലാവർക്കും അറിയാവുന്ന ഒരു കാര്യമാണ്.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: May know whether any representations have been received by Government to keep this order in abeyance?

RAJYAREKSHAPRAVINA R. PITCHU AIYANGAR: Yes.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI: Sir on a point of order. May I know whether a Member can have two chances in putting supplementary questions to the same question?

PRESIDENT: I am aware of the rule. But generally speaking I am not meticulously observing this rule when I see that such concessions are not abused.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI: May I know whether buses over twelve years old still are being run?

RAJYAREKSHAPRAVINA R. PITCHU AIYANGAR: Government are not aware of the fact.

*Import of Beedi tobacco.*

210. *MR. K. KESAVAN: Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any negotiation or proposal for the grant of a monopoly for the import into Travancore of Beedi tobacco to any person or corporation; and if there is, to whom and on what terms?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: There is no such proposal.

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